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Tonight E and I attended a dinner at the Guild Hall--evening dress and decorations--by the International Conference on Oral Surgery. The Lord Mayor and four other men addressed the 400 guests. I sat next to the delightful Mrs. Powell, wife of the accomplished Minister of Health.

E went on to a dance at the Savoy, given by the Gilbert Millers. I went home, and was in bed by midnight.

July 4, 1962 - Wednesday

We had our Independence Day reception from 11:30 to 1:00 today. About 400 people attended. Most of the Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions were there, and quite a few Parliamentarians, including Hugh Gaitskell and Denis Healey, with their wives. Unfortunately, it rained, but the house easily absorbed those present. We had a small orchestra from the Air Force, and it seemed an enjoyable occasion.

This afternoon Henry Luce, Bob Elson and his wife, Raimond von Hofmannsthal, and the Teddy Whites had drinks with us. All are connected with TIME-LIFE, except Teddy, who is an occasional contributor, and once worked for the organization. Since he has been staying with us, I have had interesting talks with him. As a friend of the President, he is intimately acquainted with the labyrinth of Washington politics. Almost 200,000 copies of his book have been sold in the United States; it is being translated into several foreign languages. This is an extraordinary performance, when one considers it is devoted to domestic American politics, and the sales price is $7.50.

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Tonight we went to the Independence Day dinner and dance given by the American Society in London at the Dorchester Hotel. I presided over it, and offered the toast to the Queen, the President, and to "The Day We Celebrate", the last of which I did roughly in the following terms:

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accepted an invitation to be his guest of honor on Friday, and having done the same in regard to staying at Blenheim Palace for a ball to be given that evening by the Duke of Marlborough and his daughter, Lady Sarah Russell. I had [redacted] no intention of going to what I thought was a dance starting at 10:30, but Marlborough had apparently written me a letter asking us to stay at Blenheim and dine before the dance, which he thought had been accepted. This tempest in a teapot has caused us a multitude of telephone calls and explanations, none of which have been entirely satisfactory to the parties concerned. We are now going to Blenheim, s[illegible]ll is unsatisfactorily arranged.

von Etzdorf and I had [redacted] a talk about the situation in Germany. The Chancellor is threatened by dissension in the ranks of his own party, and particularly in the FDP. Once again, they have called for his resignation, but I should guess he has no intention of tendering it.

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We gave [redacted] a lunch at the house today for

Princess Marina Chavchavadze
Lord St. Oswald
Mr. John and Lady Margaret Walker
Amb. and Mrs. Lynch
Col. and Mrs. Strover
Dr. and Mrs. Myers
Mrs. Congreve
Mr. Wells
Mrs. Maxwell
Mr. Shullaw
Mrs. Stephan
Mr. Hutchison

Cy Sulzberger came in this afternoon. He is to see Messrs. Macmillan and Home a few days from now, and will occupy the interval by interviewing de Valera in Ireland.

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